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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 054
AMEMBASSY BANGUI
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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ABIDJAN FOR OIC/TSO; BANGUI FOR PSO; NAIROBI FOR RTC;

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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SUPPLIES

1. THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN BANGUI IS PRESENTLY EXPERIENCING AN UNUSUAL INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL CRIME. THE HOUSES OF SEVERAL OFFICERS HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED AS WELL AS THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCES OF OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE EMANATING FROM ZAIRE WITH SMALL BANDS CROSSING THE RIVER SEPARATING BOTH COUNTRIES, BREAKING AND ENTERING, THEN RETURNING. THE HOST GOVERNMENT APPEARS UNABLE TO HALT THIS ACTIVITY AT PRESENT.

2. THE RSO HAD MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE POST:

A. INCREASED LIGHTING (THE RSO CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF EACH RESIDENCE WITH THE EMBASSY LIGHTING CONTRACTOR AND AN ESTIMATE WILL BE SUBMITTED).

B. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SAFEHAVEN ROOM AT EACH RESIDENCE.

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C. THAT WALLS OR FENCES BE CONSTRUCTED AROUND THE PROPERTIES. FENCES SHOULD BE OF HEAVY GAUGE WIRE OR STEEL BARS BETWEEN 7 - 9' HIGH. WALLS SHOULD BE CONCRETE BLOCK CONSTRUCTION.

D. INSTALLATION OF THE CONRAC RECHARGEABLE BATTERY ALARM SYSTEM IN EACH HOUSE.

E. EQUIP THE SENTINELS WITH AIR HORNS AS WARNING DEVICES.

F. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NIGHT SENTINELS TO TWO FOR EACH PROPERTY.

G. WEEKLY CHECKING OF THEIR RADIO NETWORK.

3. THE RSO THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT THE TSO FORWARD THE ALARM SYSTEMS, 12 IN NUMBER, TO THE POST. ALSO THAT TWENTY POCKET AIR HORNS BE SENT.

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